

# **Disappearance of the Outside**

**Edmonton, Alberta,  
in the time of COVID-19**

**2022**

**November**

**Downtown-  
Rogers Place**

**University of Alberta**

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Lesley Battler









Downtown



entering the airlock



crossing between worlds





endlessly mutating grammar



layer upon layer of morph and render





hanging around



warning





some kind of first contact



still gathering evidence at the scene





postscript



all i pick up now is interference





an incremental slipping away



encrypted script



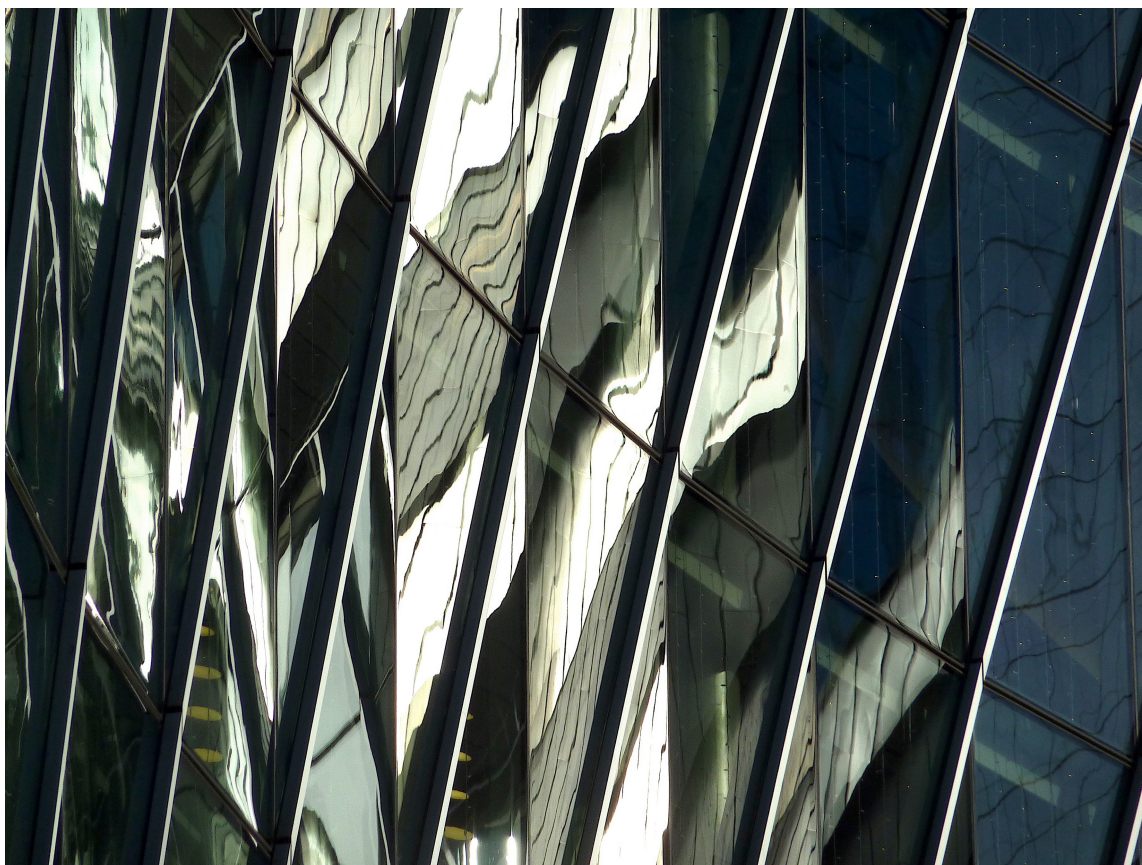


internal interference

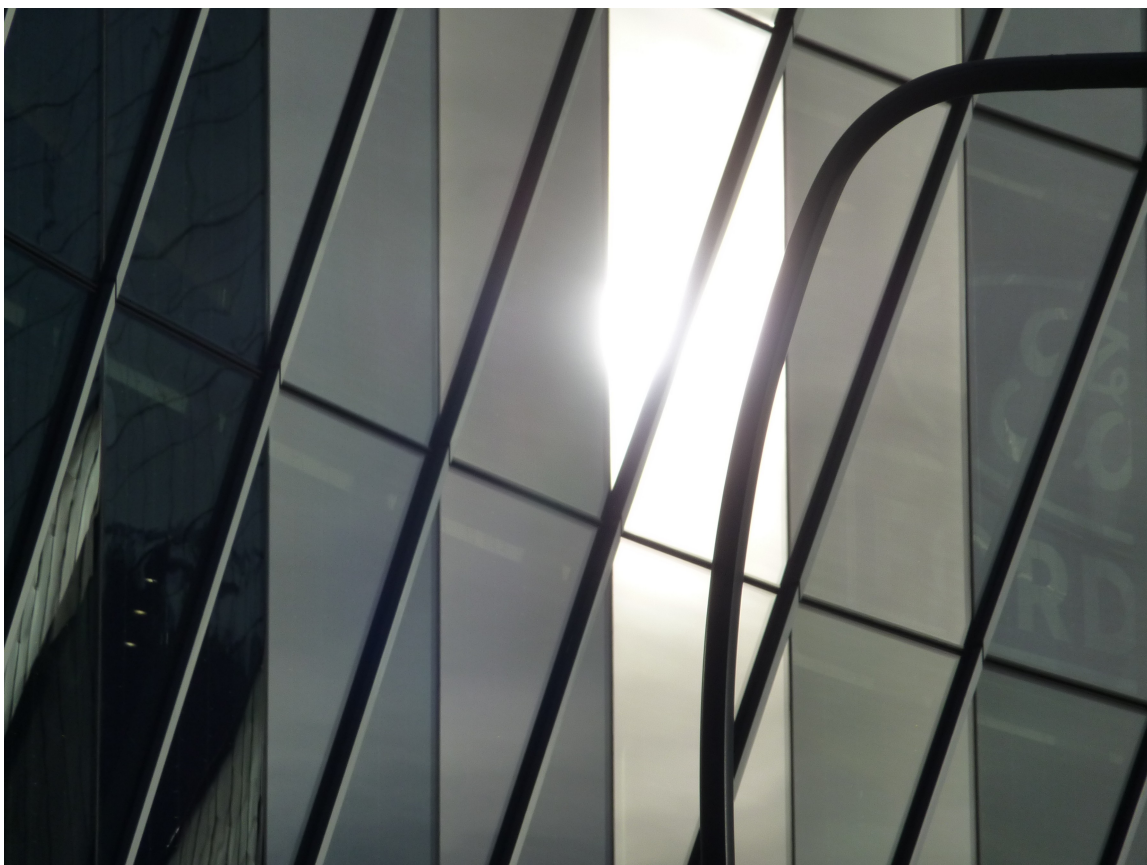


today's specials at the Scriptorium





spectral coulees



waiting until such time



transmission field, well and truly gone





phantom galleon



night and the city

University of Alberta campus



reclassified artefact





who, or what, is at the door



transformative flight





riding the currents



not just the route but also the rhythm





approach and exit angles



everyone leaving the way station at once





caught in a slipstream



sudden shifts in airflow





through turbulence



escape





searching for escape routes



eerie and exhilarating apparitions



aeolian journeys





sudden departures



waves of varying pressure



perseverance





disrupted migration



hitching a ride



through the badlands





light readings



strange vistas



into the blue



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